

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-8 and 12 (Canceled)

9. (Previously Presented) A flower supporting device, comprising:

a plurality of rotatable beads connected by connection means having elasticity so that a support body is formed, the support body being wound a multitude of times on a support frame which has a predetermined configuration and is defined with an insertion hole so that a stem of a flower can be inserted through a space defined between portions of the support body and through the insertion hole of the support frame, and

a water containing segment installed in the flower supporting device, the water containing segment comprising a water and shock absorbing material which is composed of a plurality of small-sized spherical balls.

10. (Previously Presented) A flower supporting device, comprising:

a plurality of rotatable beads connected by connection means having elasticity so that a support body is formed, the support body being wound a multitude of times on a support frame which has a predetermined configuration and is defined with an insertion hole so that a stem of a flower can be inserted through a space defined between portions of the support body and through the insertion hole of the support frame, and

a water containing segment installed in the flower supporting device, the water containing segment [[has]] having a closed space defined therein, and the space [[is]] being filled with air.

11. (Previously Presented) A flower supporting device, comprising:

a plurality of rotatable beads connected by connection means having elasticity so that a support body is formed, the support body being wound a multitude of times on a support frame which has a predetermined configuration and is defined with an insertion hole so that a stem of a flower can be inserted through a space defined between portions of the support body and through the insertion hole of the support frame, and

a water and shock absorbing material installed on an outer surface of each rotatable bead of the flower supporting device.

13. (Previously Presented) A flower supporting device, comprising:

a plurality of rotatable beads connected by connection means having elasticity so that a support body is formed, the support body being wound a multitude of times on a support frame which has a predetermined configuration and is defined with an insertion hole so that a stem of a flower can be inserted through a space defined between portions of the support body and through the insertion hole of the support frame, the support body being wound on the support frame so that the portions of the support body are staggered one with another, and

a water containing segment installed in the flower supporting device, the water containing segment comprising a water and shock absorbing material which is composed of a plurality of small-sized spherical balls.

14. (Previously Presented) A flower supporting device, comprising:

a plurality of rotatable beads connected by connection means having elasticity so that a support body is formed, the support body being wound a multitude of times on a support frame which has a predetermined configuration and is defined with an insertion hole so that a stem of a flower can be inserted through a space defined between portions of the support body and through the insertion hole of the support frame, the support body being wound on the support frame so that the portions of the support body are staggered one with another, and

a water containing segment installed in the flower supporting device, the water containing segment having a closed space defined therein, and the space being filled with air.

15. (Previously Presented) A flower supporting device, comprising:

a plurality of rotatable beads connected by connection means having elasticity so that a support body is formed, the support body being wound a multitude of times on a support frame which has a predetermined configuration and is defined with an insertion hole so that a stem of a flower can be inserted through a space defined between portions of the support body and through the insertion hole of the support frame, the support body being wound on the support frame so that the portions of the support body are staggered one with another, and

a water and shock absorbing material installed on an outer surface of each rotatable bead of the flower supporting device.